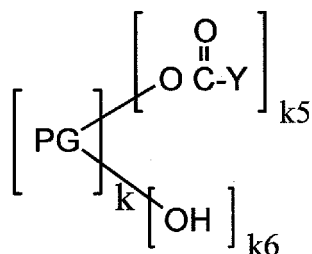


Amendments to the Specification

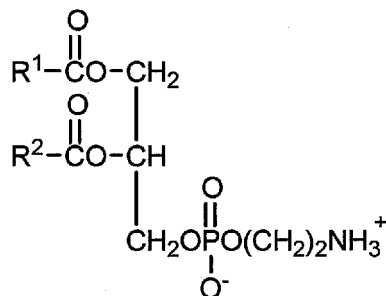
Please amend specification, as follows:

Please replace the paragraph appearing at page 5, line 18 (the paragraph beginning at the bottom of page 5) to page 6, line 7, with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention further provides a method for producing a phospholipid derivative represented by the formula (1) ~~(except for a compound wherein k2 is 0)~~, which comprises the step of reacting a polyglycerin derivative represented by the following formula (4):



wherein [PG]_k represents a residue of polyglycerin having a polymerization degree of k, wherein k represent a number of 2 to 50, Y represents hydroxyl group or a leaving group, and k₅ and k₆ are numbers satisfying the following conditions: $1 \leq k_5 \leq (k+2)/2$, and $k_5 + k_6 = k + 2$, and a phospholipid represented by the following formula (5):



wherein R^1 and R^2 have the same meanings as those defined above. This method can be preferably performed in an organic solvent in the presence of a basic catalyst, more preferably at a temperature within the range of 20 to 90°C.

Please replace the paragraph appearing at page 14, line 24 (the paragraph beginning at the bottom of page 14) to page 15, line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

As for the polyglycerin-modified phospholipid of the present invention, the phospholipid derivative of the formula (1) wherein k_2 is 0, and the phospholipid derivative of the formula (1) wherein ~~k_2 is not 0~~, and a and b are 0 can be easily synthesized by reacting a polyglycerin compound represented by the formula (4) with a phospholipid represented by the formula (5). In the polyglycerin compound represented by the formula (4), $[PG]_k$ represents a residue of polyglycerin having a polymerization degree of k , wherein k represent a number of 2 to 50, Y represents hydroxyl group or a leaving group, and k_5 and k_6 are numbers satisfying the following conditions: $1 \leq k_5 \leq (k+2)/2$, and $k_5 + k_6 = k + 2$. In the polyglycerin compound represented by the formula (4), Y represents hydroxyl group or a leaving group. In the specification, the "leaving group" is a group which imparts to the polyglycerin compound reactivity with a phospholipid, and includes electron withdrawing groups and other groups. Specifically, examples of such a group include imidazole group, 4-nitrophenyloxy group, benzotriazole group, chlorine, methoxy group, ethoxy group, propyloxy group, carbonyloxy-N-2-pyrrolidinone group, carbonyl- 2-oxypyrimidine group,

N-succinimidyloxy group, pentafluorobenzoyl group, and the like. Among them, imidazole group, 4-nitrophenyloxy group, benzotriazole group, chlorine, and N-succinimidyloxy group are preferred, and N-succinimidyloxy group and 4-nitrophenyloxy group are particularly preferred.